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In brief

MPF closes early

The military personnel flight in Building 662 will close at 3 p.m. today for an official function.

Customers are asked to plan accordingly.

Vehicle parking

All vehicles in the Tyndall Military housing area will be parked in authorized spaces — carports, garages or paved parking areas. On-street parking is permitted only on the side of the street opposite the fire hydrants, with four exceptions. On Eagle Drive between Beacon Beach Road and Phantom Street, parking will be on the side with even house numbers; on Dart Avenue parking will be on the odd side; on Falcon Street the even side; and where parking spaces are designated. Motor homes, camping trailers, campers, boats and boat trailers will be parked in the Recreational Vehicle Storage Area when not in use.

Inoperative vehicles may not be parked in any family housing area. All major repairs, such as sanding and painting, are not allowed in the housing area. Housing inspectors will also issue discrepancy notices for parking on the grass.

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Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely

Eagle eyes

From foreground, Senior Airman Aaron Norgrant and Staff Sgt. Pat Smeed, 1st Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chiefs with the 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, perform a preflight inspection as they prepare to generate a 1st Fighter Squadron training sortie Wednesday. With the Air Force's recent realignment to maintenance groups, flightline maintainers are now teamed with specific fighter squadrons but are no longer organizationally assigned to them.

General Pace: U.S. military 'prepared to deliver' against Saddam Hussein

GERRY GILMORE

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military is ready — if called upon — to remove Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein from power while continuing the fight against global terrorism, the nation's second-most-senior military officer said recently.

Marine Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, speaking on the global war on terrorism at a U.S. Department of State-sponsored lecture, cautioned his audience that President George Bush hasn't decided how to accomplish regime change in Iraq.

However, the four-star general emphasized, if military action against Iraq is authorized, the American public — and Saddam — should

know "this president will do what he says he's going to do." The same is true even if Iraq threatens to employ weapons of mass destruction against U.S. troops or allies.

Since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on America, Iraq has increasingly come under the microscope of the United States and allied nations.

Iraq has steadfastly refused to disarm and jettison its chemical, biological and nuclear weapons of mass destruction programs — something that country's government had promised to do a decade ago to end the Gulf War. Fed up with the Iraqi dictator who kicked out United Nations weapons inspectors in 1998, President Bush has decided that Saddam has to go.

In recent days, Defense Secretary Donald

Rumsfeld and other senior U.S. officials have declared Iraq has ties to Al Qaeda and is continuing to develop its weapons of mass destruction arsenal — to include a nuclear program. As the U.S. Congress debates the pros and cons of using a military broom to sweep out Saddam, the United Nations is working to craft new resolutions to force the Iraqi dictator to give up his weapons of mass destruction, or else.

In diplomacy, General Pace noted, the use of the term "or else" when delivered to enemies to influence their behavior can have economic and other ramifications.

"Part of the 'or else' for enemies, is guys like me," General Pace pointed out. Part of his job, the general noted, is preparing for

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Tyndall excels during contingencies

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW
325th Fighter Wing commander



I want to thank all our 325th Fighter Wing members for their performance during last week's deployment and security threat exercises. You not only pulled off a successful week of exercises, but you did so throughout the real-world natural disaster threat from Tropical Storm Isidore. It was certainly no easy task to juggle both situations simultaneously, but you did and I commend all of you for demonstrating tremendous flexibility from beginning to end.

While we learned a lot from both situations, what stands out most in my mind is the way the entire wing benefited from assembling and updating their Comm-Out plans, especially under threat of a tropical storm. It would sure be nice – in a perfect world – if we could count on 100 percent telephone, cable and cell-phone access, on- or off-base, throughout these storms. Unfortunately, hurricanes and tropical storms generally play havoc with these systems;



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that's why Comm-Out plans are so important and vital to ensuring everyone's safety.

Of course, communication in advance of these storms is very critical, not only day to day, but during potential natural disasters – keeping tuned to the commander's access channel (Channel 12) and local media outlets and staying in touch with front-line supervisors is critical. But when storms cut off our communications, we're instantly in a mode where we must go a different route to avoid a total communications breakdown. We need to maintain and update Comm-Out plans – to ensure accountability for our people, our re-

sources and our mission.

Speaking of accountability, I want to pass along special kudos to all the men and women at the 325th Comptroller Squadron as well as our unit resource advisers throughout the wing. As you know, this is the time of year when year-end closeout puts these folks through some pretty extraordinary deadline pressure – unusually long hours and a staggering amount of financial data to crunch. They're doing our Air Force and American taxpayers a great service – helping us remain strong, efficient stewards of the funds entrusted to us. Well done, folks!

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Action Line

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

Action Line calls are recorded and staffed through the proper agency. The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers. If you're not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the office of inspections, 283-4646. Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

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325th Fighter Wing commander

All contributions vital to success of Air Force mission

LT. COL. JACK DAVIDSON
14th Flying Training Wing

COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — In the past year, we have seen America endure the disbelief, grief, anger, resolve and steps toward restitution.

So, what do we do now? The answer will appear in our actions that affect the future.

America has grown tremendously in the past 12 months — a testament to our people, our commitment and our nation. We have a renewed sense of patriotism and a fire to deal justice to those who have wronged our brethren.

In his State of the Union address Jan. 29, President George Bush stated, “We want to be a nation that serves goals larger than self. We have a unique opportunity, and we must not let this moment pass.”

Our contributions to the war on terrorism may seem small, but each and every one of us is vital to the success of the United States.

What can we do? One answer lies in achieving a sense

of purpose and mission. We are all critical to the success of our mission: to create the world's best military aviators.

How can we contribute? Here are a few practical ways to be part of something larger than self.

First, unit mission accomplishment should form the foundation for our professional behavior and attitude. Start with knowing the unit mission. It is critical to accomplishing it. Then, know your job and the tasks necessary to complete your job. Focusing on the fundamentals of our job enhances core mission achievement.

I once knew a pilot who had the best-looking flight briefings, but when it came time to talk, he did not practice his briefs and consequently he could not communicate very well.

His job performance suffered because he did not prioritize what was important. Do I think first how my tasks will affect me or, rather, how they will affect the unit's mission? Am I sacrificing my own standards to make

something happen? Are my priorities vested in the United States, the Air Force and the unit before myself? Concentrate on what matters most.

Second, when accomplishing a task, think about your role in the unit mission and how it fits into the larger picture.

It's easy to perform a task without regard to how it fits into the larger picture. If you are a supervisor, take time to explain how the job or task fits into the mission. Ask your boss questions when you do not understand how a task or job fits into the mission. Imagine yourself as your boss or your boss' boss reviewing the task or job, and ask yourself what he or she would think.

When you write a talking paper, don't write it just to spit out information. Write it for a target audience. Figure out what your supervisor would do differently if he or she were going to do it. Ensure it meets his or her intent and advances the unit toward mission accomplishment.

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CFC — It helps people like us

CAPT. KEN CHALOUX
CFC base project officer

The Combined Federal Campaign officially “kicked off” Tuesday and continues through the middle of November. This is the one time each year that Team Tyndall can help those in our community, state and country who are less fortunate than ourselves.

We do not have to look far to see where CFC agencies are benefiting our own community. What organizations are the first to answer the call for help when natural disaster hits? This is where your CFC dollar makes a difference. If we are lucky, our families will never have to use the many relief organizations sponsored by the CFC, but you just never know.

This year, as always, the money you give to the CFC goes to help the organizations of *your* choosing. Included are health, welfare, ecologi-

cal and many other organizations in local, state, federal and international arenas. These eligible organizations are strictly screened to ensure that they fulfill all criteria set forth by the Office of Personnel Management, including low administrative costs. That way you know the money you give goes directly to the intended person or cause, and is not lost in agency overhead.

A further benefit of the CFC is that it is easy to give. We, as military and federal employees, are not approached weekly or monthly with different charitable organizations asking us for donations. By filling out a simple pledge card once a year, we can budget our donations through monthly allotments taken from our paychecks, without having to constantly reach deeper into our wallets.

Many people do not realize how far

their CFC donation can go. Some ask, “What can my \$2 a month do?” A local example is the Bay County Council on Aging, a United Way agency. For every dollar donated, the federal government donates \$9, allowing the United Way to provide five hot meals to homebound seniors in Bay County through the Meals on Wheels Program. Many other local charities work similarly making your donation more valuable than you know!

This year, Team Tyndall’s cumulative CFC goal is more than \$150,000. Each squadron and group has its own representatives and keyworkers to help you fill out your pledge card. Each donor has the option of paying with a check or through payroll deduction. Please take the time to fill out a pledge card and open your heart to help someone in need. The CFC helps people like us!

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And while I’m mentioning the subject of funds, this week is our annual kickoff for the Combined Federal Campaign, a cause very much worthy of our charitable contributions. Many of the agencies under the CFC umbrella remain involved in helping a cross-section of worthy causes locally and nationally. Some of these causes even support American servicemembers, such as the United Service Organization. There are many worthy organizations people can choose to support. I encourage people to take the time to research their favorite cause or one they would like to learn more about. Only you can determine what cause you feel is most worthy of your support.

Tyndall’s CFC program makes it easy to give, providing a number of eligible organizations and means of donating. More details about the program, including Tyndall’s goals for this year’s campaign are on Page 3. I want to thank all of you in advance who contribute to worthy programs such as the CFC and to those who continually volunteer their time, service and financial means to the betterment of our community.

Stay safe and have a great week.

Fire Prevention Week kicks off Sunday

Tyndall is joining forces with the National Fire Protection Association to spread the word about “Team Up for Fire Safety” during this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign that runs Sunday through Oct. 12.

This year’s theme encourages children and families to recognize the role they play in keeping their home fire-safe by focusing on three key safety messages; installing and testing smoke alarms, practicing home escape plans and hunting for home hazards. According to NFPA, 85 percent of all fires occur in the home, and most of these fires are preventable.

“When a fire strikes, you may have only two minutes to get out of the home. Having working smoke alarms and a well-practiced home escape plan are crucial so

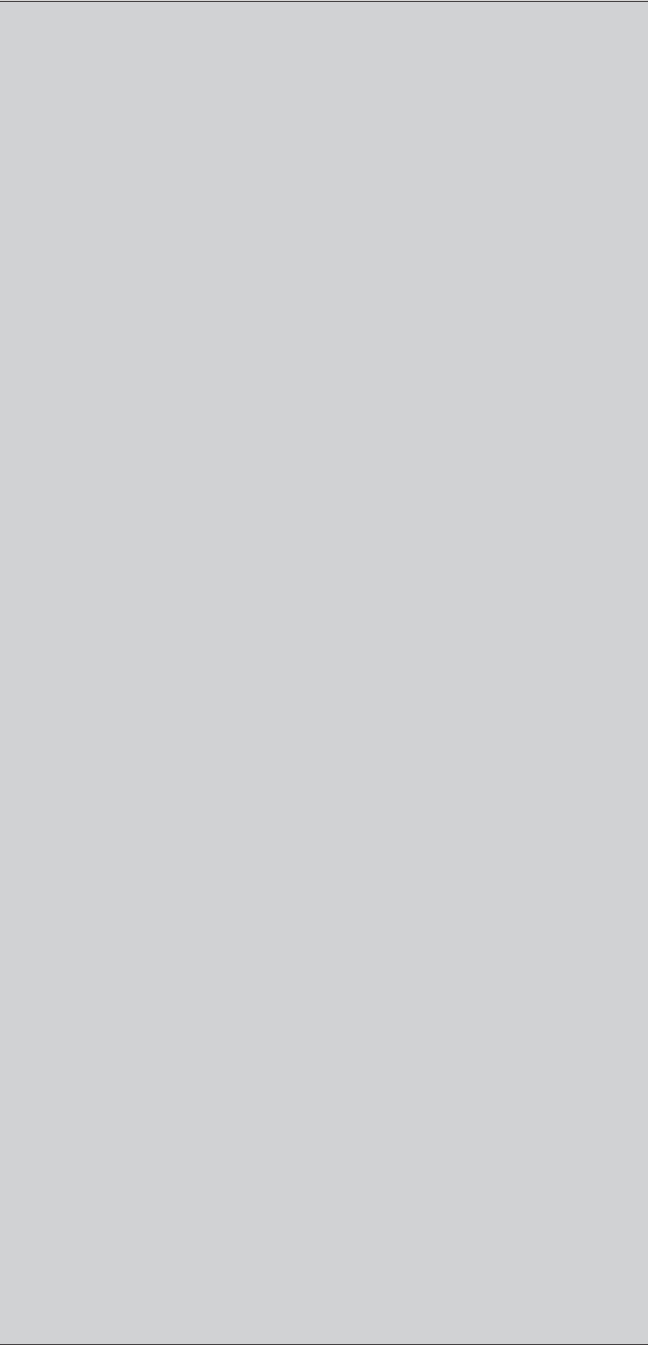
that everyone can get out of a burning house safely,” said Fire Inspector Bobby Richardson, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department. “Taking a few moments to inspect and correct common fire hazards in your home can prevent the fire from happening in the first place.”

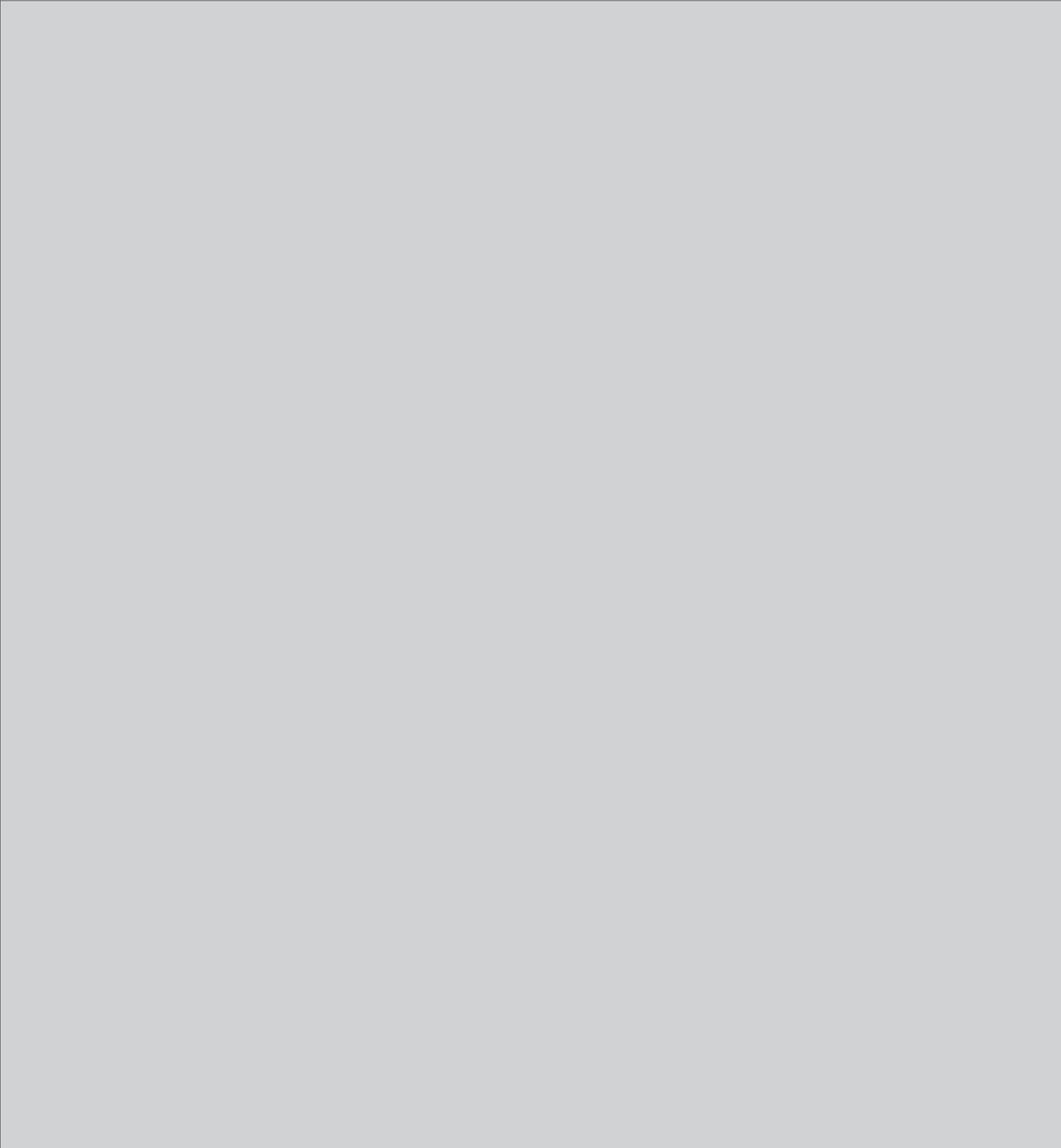
The Tyndall Fire Department plans to increase public awareness through fire safety presentations this month at Tyndall Elementary, the Tyndall car show, base exchange and commissary.

“Fire safety is everyone’s business and every fire safety team starts with each person,” Mr. Richardson said.

For more information, call the fire prevention office at 283-2909.

(Courtesy Tyndall Fire Department)





Caption contest



Submit an entry for this month's Safety Caption Contest and win a free lunch from the 325th Services Squadron. Send your caption to 2nd Lt. Brian Smart at 283-4231 or e-mail the safety office.

Last month's winner



Tire replacement:
\$500

Frame restoration:
\$7,000

To be a fly on the wall when he has to brief his boss:
PRICELESS



TECH. SGT. DERRICK MOORE
325th Fighter Wing

Compensation available for victims of domestic violence in Florida

CAPT. MIRANDA TURNER
325th Fighter Wing legal office

Domestic violence is a very real concern for millions of Americans today.

According to the National Violence Against Women Survey, nearly 25 percent of surveyed women and 7.6 percent of surveyed men reported being physically or sexually assaulted by an intimate partner at some point during their lifetimes.

The survey, a study cosponsored by the National Institute for Justice and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, further found that these assaults were not always isolated occurrences. Women who were physically assaulted by an intimate partner averaged 6.9 assaults by that partner, while men were assaulted an average of 4.4 times by the same partner. Of the women who were assaulted, 41.5 percent were injured in the most recent attack, as were 19.9 percent of men. Frequently, this physical abuse is accompanied by psychologically damaging, emotionally abusive and controlling behavior by the abusive partner.

There are many factors that contribute to partners not reporting or seeking the prosecution of domestic abuse and abusers. These factors include fear of retaliation, of not being believed and of the potentially devastating financial situation that leaving an abusive partner can precipitate.

Reforms, such as the availability of protective orders, education of law enforcement officers concerning domestic violence, and the growth of organizations that provide counseling and assistance to domestic violence victims, have worked to lower these barriers to seeking help, although they still remain very real for many victims.

To reduce the financial consequences to victims who report abuse that may result in the court-martial conviction or administrative separation of the abuser, the Air Force has financial assistance called Transitional Compensation for Abused Dependents.

Spouses or dependent children, including stepchildren, of a member who is either convicted of a dependent abuse offense that includes a dishonorable discharge, bad conduct discharge or forfeiture of all pay and allowances, or who is administratively separated due to a dependent-abuse offense, may be eligible for compensation.

Transitional compensation payments may continue for one to three years, depending on when the member's current enlistment would have expired. The amount of payments is set by statute, and may change as Congress updates it. Additionally, dependents retain commissary and exchange benefits while receiving transitional compensation. Medical, dental and mental-health care is also continued during this

period, pursuant to a change in the law.

Retired pay protection is also available to abused dependents. That is, a former spouse or legally separated spouse with a court order to receive a percentage of a member's retired pay may still be entitled to receive that percentage of the retired pay if the member has 20 or more years of service. This happens even if the member is not eligible to receive any retired pay due to administrative separation or a court martial conviction resulting in a bad conduct discharge or dishonorable discharge.

Florida also has a victim compensation program that can help domestic violence victims residing in Florida. Florida's program provides some payments for wage loss and expenses, such as counseling, medical care and other expenses incurred due to victimization from crime, including domestic violence crimes.

Also, domestic violence victims seeking to move away from their abuser to a safer environment may receive a payment for Domestic Violence Relocation Assistance. Prompt reporting and documentation is necessary to receive benefits from the State of Florida.

For more information, call Capt. Miranda Turner or Tech. Sgt. Amy Vandergrift, at 283-4681 or 283-4682. The VWAP is administered out of the legal office, in Building 662.

Thinking of getting out?

THINK AGAIN!

Make sure you've got all the facts first! Contact **Chief Master Sgt. Ron Georgia**, 325th Fighter Wing career assistance adviser, at **283-2222** for information on your career and its future.



Courtesy photo

Egress prep

From left, Maj. Charles “Flexx” Butler, 2nd Fighter Squadron, conducts egress simulator training for Ross Perot Jr. during his visit here Sept. 20. Mr. Perot, currently chairman of the Air Force Memorial Foundation, and son of former presidential candidate Ross Perot, toured the

base, served as guest speaker for Warrior Call and received an F-15 orientation flight. The distinguished visitor served eight years as an Air Force F-4 pilot and made aviation history as the first pilot to circumnavigate the globe in a helicopter.

Focus 56 awards scholarships

The Tyndall Focus 56 organization recently awarded two scholarships to military members pursuing a degree under its Junior Enlisted Scholarship Program. These scholarships are awarded on a quarterly basis and Focus 56 officers pick the recipients. The scholarship is open to second-term enlistees; staff sergeant selects, staff sergeants and technical sergeants stationed here.

Scholarships were awarded to Tech. Sgt. Froilan Price and Staff Sgt. Robert Lewallen. Sergeant Price is assigned to the NCO Academy and is pursuing a bachelor of science in management. Sergeant

Lewallen is assigned to the 823rd RED HORSE Squadron and is pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in ministry concentrating on pastoral ministry.

“My first thought was one of total surprise. I didn’t think I had a chance to win,” Sergeant Lewallen said.

The Tyndall Focus 56 organization is a group of middle-tier NCOs committed to facilitating professionalism throughout Tyndall’s enlisted force.

“We are preparing the staff sergeants and technical sergeants of today to fill the senior master ser-

geant and chief master sergeant positions of tomorrow,” said Tech. Sgt. Bryon Nelson, Focus 56 president. “We also provide a voice for Tyndall junior NCOs to the wing and the Military Affairs Committee. We are bridging the gap between the Tyndall Active Airmen and the Top 3 Associations.”

“It’s our responsibility to mentor and guide the future of today’s staff sergeants and technical sergeants. I truly believe that to be a dedicated professional, you have to be involved,” said Tech. Sgt. Amy Vandergrift, Focus 56 secretary.

(Courtesy Focus 56)

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Find out if there is a better way to do it and determine how your action impacts other units and agencies.

Third, innovation is crucial to vaulting the organization to meeting its goals. So many times I’ve met resistance to change — “That’s the way we’ve always done it” or “What’s broken?”

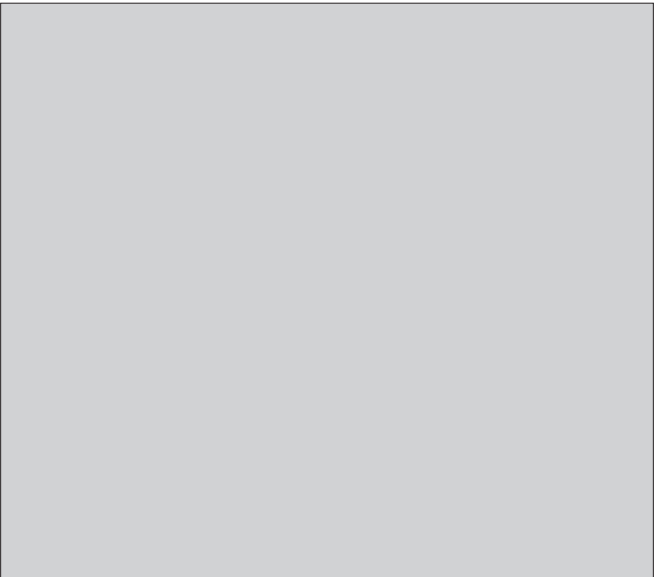
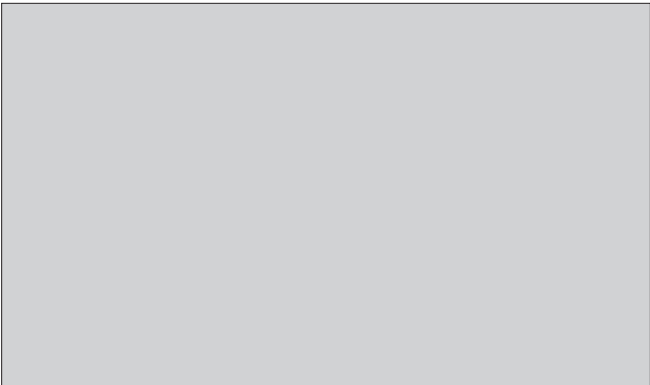
If we say, “Pound this square peg into a round hole until it fits,” we are not taking the time to find a better and easier way to establish the goal and let the experts figure out how to get there. The creative person who thinks outside the box, asks questions and does not stick to the norms established by others is often more productive than the person with the biggest hammer.

It involves change, risk and trust. When was the last time your boss said, “This is what I would like to see, you figure out how to get there?”

Finally, focusing on mission success means steering the steady course. Everyone needs to understand the unit mission and the goals to get there. Planning ahead is critical to steering the steady course. Look more than six inches in front of you and you may not bump into the wall. When all we do is react, the boat flounders. Planning ahead creates stability and predictability and propels the unit to mission success. Steering the steady course allows everyone to stand back and look for ways to make it better. Everyone knows the boat’s destination.

Although we may not be in Afghanistan or some other country carrying out the war on terrorism, we are all vital to the Air Force mission. Sometimes we may feel like we want to help, but do not know how.

Our battle with terror is a year old, and it is a marathon. We contribute by focusing on our unit mission and job fundamentals. Through innovation, steering the steady course and planning ahead, we enhance success at every level. When we look to the future as an opportunity to move forward we become part of something larger than self.



Audit: enlisted promotion tests make the grade

An independent private industry audit has graded as “outstanding” the three Air Force enlisted tests used in helping select airmen for promotion in the noncommissioned officer ranks.

“This is welcome news. This validates what we do,” said Paul Stanley, chief of test development at the Air Force Occupational Measurements Squadron.

The Chauncey Group International, a subsidiary of Educational Testing Service, which produces the widely used SAT college admissions test, was granted “unlimited access” to the testing process, company officials said.

The auditors rated all 11 evaluated areas either “outstanding” or “excellent.”

“We are always trying to improve the system and we wanted a leader in the testing industry to comment on what we could do better and on what we’re doing well,” Mr. Stanley said.

Evaluators examined records and interviewed test-makers at the Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron, Randolph AFB, Texas. They also visited five testing locations to talk with test-givers and test-takers.

The Air Force commissioned the study as part of “on-going assessment” of enlisted testing, said Col. Dale Vande Hey, director of personnel programs.

“They’ve identified for us many of the very same issues we know are important. And this is a way for us to get some outside opinions validating that we’ve been approaching those issues in the right way,” he said.

The audit ran from February to May and involved visiting two separate test centers in San Antonio and three in the Washington, D.C., area.

(Courtesy Air Force Personnel Center)

Ineligible GI Bill recipients billed by Reserve

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFPN) — As of Tuesday, the Air Force Reserve will recoup money from reservists who receive GI Bill benefits but fail to complete their military or education obligations.

The Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve enables Reserve component members who enlist, re-enlist or extend in the Selected Reserve for a six-year contract to be eligible for education benefits. However, the 1985 law also calls for fund recoupment if servicemembers do not complete continuous satisfactory membership in the Selected Reserve.

“Recoupment is required by law and is being implemented by all of the Reserve components,” said Julia Williamson, training specialist in the Air Force Reserve Command headquarters directorate of personnel. “AFRC would prefer that reservists participate regu-

larly and fulfill their service obligations so recoupment will not be necessary.”

Members who have been placed in the Individual Ready Reserve for more than 12 months because of absences from training, failure to meet physical standards or failure to complete military courses are among those who will be asked to refund unearned benefits.

The Air Force Reserve has been working with the other Reserve components to streamline recoupment procedures throughout the Department of Defense, according to Ray Warren, Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve program manager in the office of the Air Force Reserve’s directorate of personnel in Arlington, Va.

“This was a long process and finally we have systems that can work together and ensure current and accurate data is available and that any recoupment action is fair,” Mr. Warren said.

The names of former Selected Reserve members who have received benefits but did not fulfill their commitment will be identified in the personnel data system. The names will then be forwarded to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service for collection action, which could involve garnishment of wages or placement on active duty.

Unlike its active-duty counterpart, the Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve program is funded by the Reserve components, not the servicemembers.

Unit reservists may contact their wing education and training offices, and individual mobilization augmentees may contact the military training division at Air Reserve Personnel Center headquarters in Denver for additional information. The training division can be reached by calling DSN 926-6396 or (303) 676-6396.

(Courtesy of AFRC News Service)



Checkertail Salute

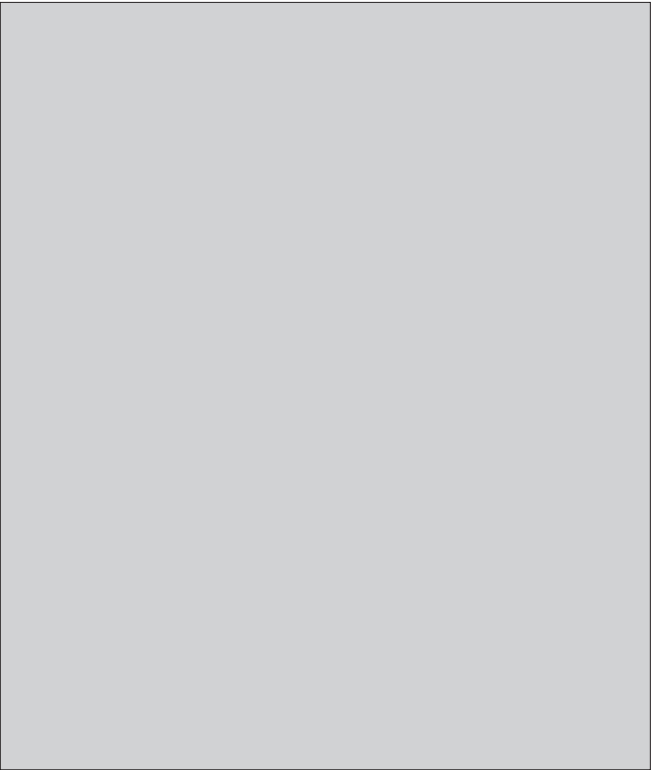
Staff Sgt. Darrell Gary

Duty title: Ground radio maintenance journeyman commander
Unit: 325th Communications Squadron
Time on station: 3.5 years
Time in service: 4.5 years
Hometown: Chesapeake, Va.
Hobbies: Music, computers, softball and playing with my dogs
Goals: Obtain a doctorate in electrical engineering and become a squadron commander

Favorite thing about Tyndall: People I work with.
Pet peeves: Laziness, lack of vision and negative people
Favorite book: “Everything I Need to Know I learned in Kindergarten”
Favorite movie: The Star Wars trilogy

Sergeant Gary is awarded the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award by Col. Douglas Cochran, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander.

The Checkertail Clan salutes Sergeant Gary who led a team solving a line-of-site radio communications problem plaguing the 95th Flying Squadron by coordinating installation of an antenna, fabrication of supporting cables and the relocation of the user’s radio, solving lost radio contact between F-15 pilots and ground controllers. Sergeant Gary also served on the base honor guard for three years.



TEAM TARGET KEEPS WEAPON DEVELOPERS, AIR FORCE ON MARK

2ND LT. ALBERT BOSCO
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

The 82nd Aerial Targets Squadron, affectionately known as “Team Target” at Tyndall Air Force Base, is a key player to ensuring that not only air-to-air, but also surface-to-air weapon systems can meet the needs of the military in an ever-changing threat environment. With technology changing at a blinding pace, systems often become obsolete before they are ever employed. To counter this, the men and women of the 82nd ATRS provide information to both system developers and the military about various weapon systems’ ability to respond to current and foreseeable threats.

The focus of the 82nd ATRS Tyndall mission is to provide tactically realistic targets for air-to-air missile systems, such as the AIM-120 AMRAAM and AIM-9 Sidewinder, while its detachment at Holloman AFB, N.M., provides targets to support surface-to-air systems evaluation, such as the U.S. Army Patriot and Hawk surface-to-air missile systems.

“The last thing you want to do is test a missile in the battlefield,” said Maj. Alex Franco, 82nd ATRS assistant operations officer.

In order to effectively test a missile, it must be fired at something. For this reason, the 82nd ATRS uses a fleet of drones. Thirty-three modified F-4 Phantom aircraft, called QF-4s, and 48 sub-scale BQM-34 Firebee and MQM-107 Streaker drones serve as targets for various missile systems. These drones replicate ‘real world’ scenarios and provide valuable data, allowing developers and the military to identify and solve any possible problems or limitations within a particular system.

According to Lt. Col. George Biondi, 82nd ATRS operations officer, the Department of Defense has mandated that weapon testing be accomplished using targets representative of real threats. Since air-to-air missiles were designed to shoot down airplanes, they must be tested against airplanes. While subscale drones are more cost-effective than QF-4s, they are significantly smaller, thus limited to the types of threats they can simulate.

“We’re shooting down QF-4s because test requirements vary,” said Major Franco. “Altitude, IR signature, payload and speed are some of the variables that necessitate using full-scale targets. Sub-scale drones aren’t as big, can’t fly as fast or as high and can’t carry the kind of payloads a QF-4 can.”

One of the most fascinating aspects of the QF-4 mission is that it is operated by remote control. Rated contractors, operating from Gulf Range Drone Remote Control Systems (GRDCS), fly the aircraft via a computer terminal to the test area where the weapon is evaluated. In a perfect test scenario, the QF-4 will be flown remotely from GRDCS for the duration of the test. However, in the unlikely event that something goes wrong, the 82nd has two alternatives.

First, in the event of a communication loss between the QF-4 and the controller, or if the aircraft becomes unstable in flight, a mobile remote system can attempt to re-establish contact and fly the aircraft from a position near the drone runway allowing the operators to see the aircraft. If attempts to restore communications fail, or stable flight cannot be re-accomplished, the aircraft has an automatic destruct mechanism that will prevent it from crashing into an undesirable location.

Although the drone has sensors that relay information regarding flight characteristics and test parameters back to the controllers, there are no cameras to provide visual data. To provide the visual information to the controllers, the remote QF-4 is followed by a manned QF-4, acting as a chase aircraft during take-off and landing.

“The manned aircraft provides a set of eyes for the controllers,” said Major Franco. “If there is a problem with the system, the pilot can relay visible signs of malfunction to them.”

According to Major Franco, the importance of using manned QF-4s rather than other platforms, such as the F-15 or F-16, is due to the pilots’ familiarity with the QF-4’s systems.

“F-15 and F-16 pilots know a lot about their respective aircraft, but little about the QF-4. A QF-4 pilot knows what to look for and how to solve various problems,” said Major Franco.

As with any test program, the 82nd ATRS places heavy emphasis on safety, and before a drone is launched, hours of planning are done to ensure all possible scenarios have been thought out. Often, the 82nd ATRS will launch a manned QF-4 to determine operational limitations of both the aircraft and the weapon being tested. Ironically, sometimes the manned QF-4 is flown by remote and the pilot is there to monitor flight parameters and act as a backup in case things don’t go as planned.



QF-4s are routinely manned, but flown by remote control to



A pair of 82nd ATRS QF-4s and an E-9A surveillance and the squadron’s drone recovery boats in the gulf.

“The last thing you want to do is test a missile in the battlefield.”

MAJ. ALEX FRANCO
82nd ATRS assistant operations officer

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to determine test parameters.

Courtesy photos

As an additional safety measure, the 82nd ATRS launches an E-9A, a.k.a. the Widget, prior to testing. The E-9A is an airborne telemetry platform that provides data relay information to the remote pilot and test customer. Before the test, the E-9A searches the gulf with a powerful sea surveillance radar to detect small vessels that may have entered the test area. Once the target area is clear, it climbs to 25,000 feet and prepares to provide telemetry data.

Once the test area is clear and the pilots have been briefed on the test parameters, the remote drone and manned chase plane take to the air. Upon entering the target area, the manned aircraft will break off to avoid becoming a potential target and the testing will begin. The remote controllers are able to fly the QF-4 as if they were actually in the aircraft, thus ensuring a realistic engagement. If the QF-4 is hit and damaged beyond recovery, the destruct sequence is activated and the QF-4 falls to the water below. If the QF-4 sustains little damage and can be flown back to Tyndall, it is recovered and repaired for use in later tests.

Although the QF-4 mission is only one facet of the 82nd ATRS mission, it is extremely vital to ensuring air-to-air dominance of the American warfighter, unit officials said. The QF-4 is not the first full-scale drone used and it will not be the last. According to Colonel Biondi, the QF-4 is expected to stay in service until 2008, at which time a new drone, possibly a QF-16 could be selected to continue providing the information that allows military men and women to continue flying and fighting well into the future.

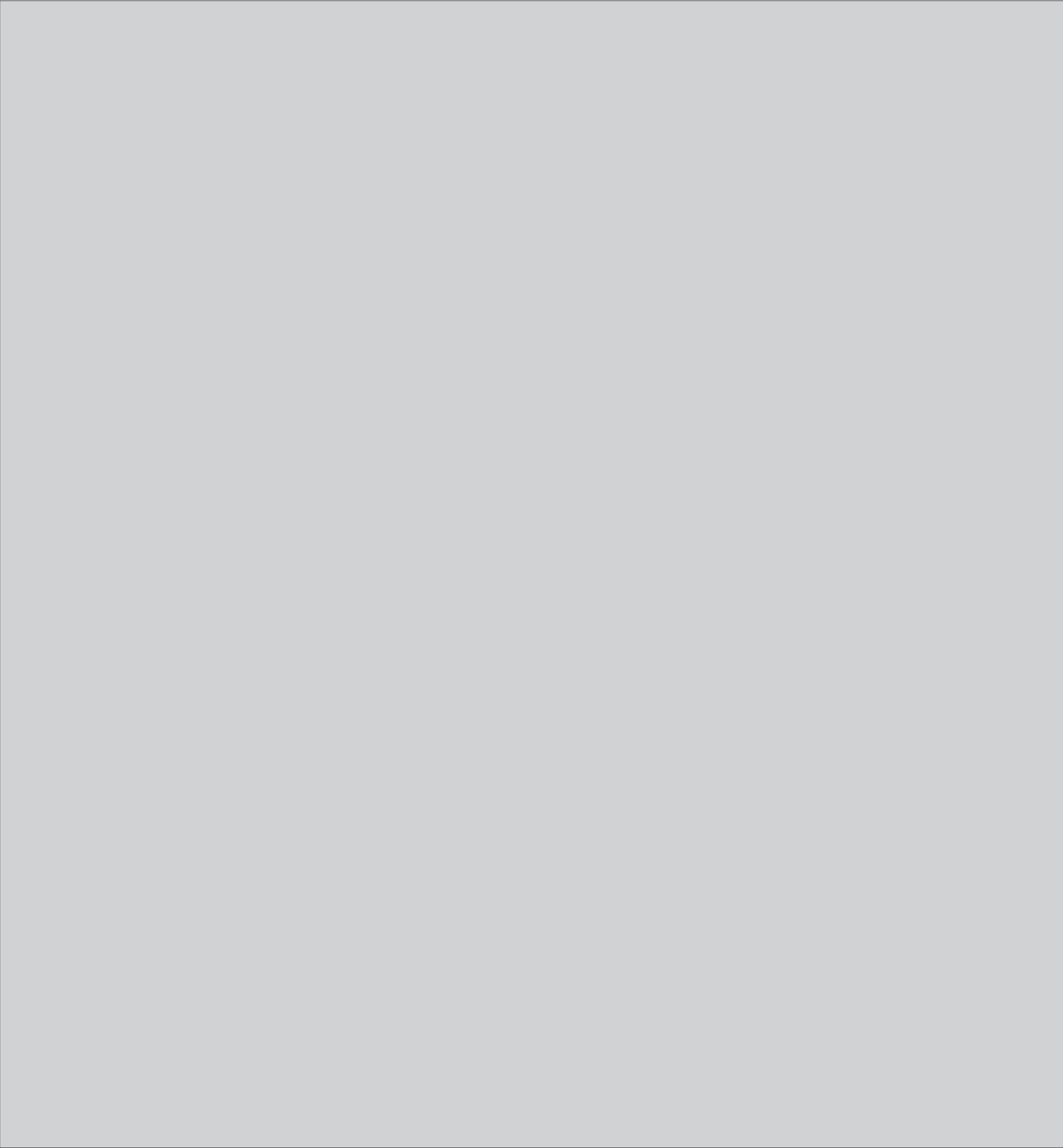


telemetry aircraft fly over a pair of



A plume of fire and smoke follows an MQM-107 subscale drone as it is launched for a weapons test.





SECAF, CSAF unveil command insignia

STAFF SGT. A.J. BOSKER
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force secretary and chief of staff unveiled the Air Force command insignia Tuesday during the 2002 Corona Top Conference in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Secretary of the Air Force James Roche and Gen. John Jumper said the insignia will identify those charged with the responsibilities of command.

"This new insignia will serve as a very important emblem to identify those who have the unique and demanding responsibility of commanding the sons and daughters of America," Secretary Roche said.

General Jumper added that the Air Force command insignia represents the importance of the commander's role in today's Air Force.

"This emblem represents the confidence of those commanded, the trust of a nation, and the awesome and total responsibility given to the person



Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker

The Air Force command insignia, unveiled Tuesday at the 2002 Corona Top Conference in Colorado Springs, Colo., will be worn by field grade officers who are or have been a squadron, group or wing commander.

who places this insignia on (his or her) uniform," General Jumper said.

Only officers in the ranks of major through colonel, who currently are or have been a squadron, group or wing commander, are authorized to wear the

insignia. Vice, deputy or temporary "acting" commanders are not authorized to wear it.

"Major command commanders will evaluate equivalent positions, on a case-by-case basis, and make a recommendation to the chief of staff whether or not to authorize wear of the insignia for that position," said Lt. Gen. Richard Brown III, deputy chief of staff for personnel. "The final determination will be left up to the chief of staff."

The Air Force command insignia features the Hap Arnold star and wings encircled by a wreath. The insignia is available in both a chrome and subdued version.

The command insignia will not be worn on any uniform in deployed areas of responsibility or in combat zones.

Army and Air Force Exchange Service military clothing sales stores have the Air Force command insignia in stock and available for purchase, said officials.

100-percent tuition assistance offered

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — As of Tuesday, Air Force people can take advantage of a new Department of Defense tuition-assistance policy that pays 100 percent of the cost of tuition for off-duty courses, according to Air Force education officials.

"The policy pays tuition costs and mandatory fees for up to a maximum of \$250 per semester hour, or \$750 per three-hour course," said Jim Sweizer, chief of the Air Force voluntary education branch at the Pentagon.

The policy also includes a \$4,500-per-year tuition assistance ceiling.

"In the past, we only paid instructional fees, such as a lab fee for science courses," Mr. Sweizer said. "Under the new policy, as long as the total cost falls under the authorized total, the student doesn't have to pay any money out of (his or her) pocket."

Tuition assistance still cannot be used to pay for textbooks unless they are included in an academic institution's published tuition rates, he said.

Mr. Sweizer is concerned that with 100-percent tuition assistance available to airmen, some people may opt to waive the Montgomery GI Bill. He encourages airmen to take advantage of the GI Bill's benefits.

Education centers have more information.

New service dress nametag

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The Air Force's service dress uniform welcomed back an old friend Tuesday: the nametag.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper and other senior leaders selected a new nametag for the uniform at the 2002 Corona Top Conference in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The new service dress nametag has a brushed satin finish and blue letters. It is slightly larger and heavier than the blue plastic nametag worn on the blue shirt and medical white uniform. It will only feature the wearer's last name and

will only be worn on the service dress, on the right side parallel to the ribbons and medals.

Air Force officials decided last year that a nametag was needed on the service dress uniform. Several proposals were reviewed and feedback was gathered from across the Air Force during several wear-tests.

The new nametags will be available in Army and Air Force Exchange Service military clothing sales stores at a future date when stocks become available.

NCOA holds elections

The Gulf Coast Chapter of the local NCO Association will have elections at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 16 in the community activities center.

"It's important for the membership to come out and vote for the new officials, because they will shape the direction for the chapter in the coming year," said Tech. Sgt. Robert Barnett, chapter chairman.

The chapter holds monthly meetings at

11:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the CAC. Membership is open to all enlisted active-duty members as well as Guard, Reserve and veterans from all military branches.

The NCOA was established in 1960 to enhance and maintain the quality of life for noncommissioned and petty officers in all branches of the armed forces, National Guard and Reserves.

The association offers its members a wide range

of benefits and services designed especially for current and former enlisted servicemembers and their families. Those benefits fall into these categories:

Social improvement programs, legislative representation and today's services.

For more information, call Sergeant Barnett at 283-8734.

(Courtesy Gulf Coast NCOA Chapter)

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OCTOBER

FRI4

Troy State registration
Registration for Troy State University's Term II will continue through Oct. 11. The term begins Oct. 14 and ends Dec. 22. For more information, call the education center, 283-4449.

SAT5

Thrift shop open
The Tyndall Thrift Shop will be open for shopping 9 a.m.-noon Saturday. The thrift shop is located on Suwannee Road in Building 743, across from the post office. Regular thrift shop hours are 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

SUN6

Chapel religious education
The Tyndall Chapel offers religious education 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sundays for Protestants and 11 a.m.-noon Sundays for Catholics. Both sessions will be held at the spiritual fitness building. For more information, call 283-2925.

MON7

Bible study
A "More About Jesus" Bible study will be 7 p.m. Mondays through Oct. 21 in the Chapel 2 annex. For more information, call the chaplain's office, 283-2925.

Embry-Riddle registration
Registration for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's winter term will be 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Oct. 11 in Room 48 of the education center. Class dates are Oct. 14-Dec. 14. For more information, call the education center, 283-4557.

Anger-control workshop
A four-session anger-control workshop will be 3-4:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21, 28 and Nov. 4 in the family advocacy conference room. For more information, call 283-7272.

TUE8

Children's weight class
The health and wellness center's sensible weight class for children meets 3:30-4:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Room 111. For more information, call the health and wellness center, 283-3826.

WED9

FSU open house
All Tyndall personnel are invited to attend the Florida State University's Educational Service Center Open House 10 a.m.-noon Wednesday in the commons area of the Tyndall Education Center. The information session is for anyone thinking about completing a bachelor's degree or entering a graduate program. FSU Panama City admissions counselors, financial aid staff and academic advisers will be available to answer questions about programs and admission requirements. For more information, call the office of admissions, 522-2001.

Kids' Club
Kids' Club, an ecumenical program for Catholic and Protestant children, meets 2:45-5:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Chapel 2. Children will enjoy snacks, chapel time, arts and crafts, lessons about their individual faith and a nutritious dinner. Registration per family is \$25 per semester or \$40 per year. For more information, call Maria or Cindee, 283-2925.

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40th Bay Annual Art Exhibit
The 40th Bay Annual Art Exhibit will return to the Visual Arts Center of Northwest Florida Oct. 18-Nov. 23. The show spotlights art by local artists who utilize a variety of mediums and formats. The reception starts 7-9 p.m. Oct. 18 for anyone wishing to join the artists and other patrons for live entertainment, refreshments and art. The deadline for art entries is Thursday. Entries are accepted in all media except photography from Florida artists who reside in Bay and surrounding counties. For information, call the Visual Arts Center, 769-4451.

Disaster preparedness
The Air Force Personnel Readiness Center is available to provide assistance and guidance when installations are affected by natural disasters such as hurricanes. For more information, call the PRC, (800) 435-9941, or use Tyndall's toll-free contingency number, (877) 529-5540.

Christmas cantata rehearsals
Individuals interested in singing in a Christmas cantata to be held Dec. 15 are invited to attend rehearsals 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the Chapel 2 Sanctuary. For more information, call Chaplain Andrew Suh, 283-2925.

AADD program
The Airmen Against Drunk Driving program is designed to

provide military members with a free, safe ride home within the local area. The AADD phone line is staffed with E1 through E4 volunteers who can be reached by calling 867-2233. This program is available to all ranks who have a valid military identification card. AADD stresses complete anonymity to ease fear of retribution. For more information, call Airman 1st Class Carrie Wilks-Campbell, 283-2891.

RETIREE NEWS

TFL and ID card update
Retirees who turn 65 are not required to obtain new military identification cards. Their dependents are required to do so. Retirees who have joined Medicare Part B to obtain TRICARE For Life need not obtain a new card either. If they are concerned that Medicare has not sent their Part B status to the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System and want to verify that their current DEERS status correctly reflects eligibility to avoid possible complications with medical care providers, there are a number of ways to do this.

Obtaining a new ID card automatically updates DEERS status, but does not necessarily guarantee that the computer input of your status was correctly entered. New ID card requests solely for this purpose are discouraged by the Department of Defense and should be done only as a last resort. Your status is correctly reflected in DEERS if you have received an explanation of benefits for a claim submitted under TFL that indicated the claim was paid. If you have access to an ID card-issuing activity, it can be verified by computer that your Part B status is correctly reflected in DEERS without issuing a new ID card.

TFL beneficiaries who need to update or reverify eligibility, or beneficiaries who have received an EOB stating that they need to update their eligibility, should contact the nearest ID card facility for assistance. The Web site developed to help beneficiaries locate the nearest ID card facilities is www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/. Beneficiaries can also call the DOD Benefits Reverification Telephone Center at (800) 361-2620.

Beneficiaries can request verification from THEMIS at Tricare_help@amedd.army.mil. They have a computer read-only capability of what is on file at DEERS. All callers need do is provide the beneficiary's name and sponsor's Social Security Number. If the context of the request makes THEMIS concerned about fraud or possible privacy issues they will decline to answer. The decision to provide information requested will be made on a case by case basis.

YARD SALES

The following yard sales are scheduled for Saturday: 3433-A Maysey Court, 3637 Harlow Drive, 3447-B Andrews Loop, 3433-B Maysey Court, 2931-A Bomarc St. and 2781-A Delta Ave. All yard sales are held between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

CLASSIFIEDS

Futon, wooden frame, \$150; Graco baby swing, \$30; bouncenette with canopy, \$10. Call 286-8642.

MISSING: orange and white striped kitten, four-months old, neutered, male. Please return to 2923 Bomarc St. or call 286-8974 with information.

Air Force, NASCAR teams compete in 'reverse pit stop'

DAVE THURSTON

Air Mobility Command public affairs

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. (AFPN) — Elite teams of highly skilled professionals from NASCAR and the Air Force faced off on the flightline Sept. 19 in a unique competition dubbed the "reverse pit stop." The purpose of the three-hour event was to demonstrate the many similarities and contrasts between the two organizations and to allow each team to experience something of the other's maintenance challenges.

The Air Force team consisted of six C-5 Galaxy maintenance people from the 436th Airlift Wing and six award-winning enlisted members from other Air Mobility Command bases. As the "home team," Dover Air Force Base provided the arena and a massive C-5 cargo aircraft and associated equipment to demonstrate Air Force skills.

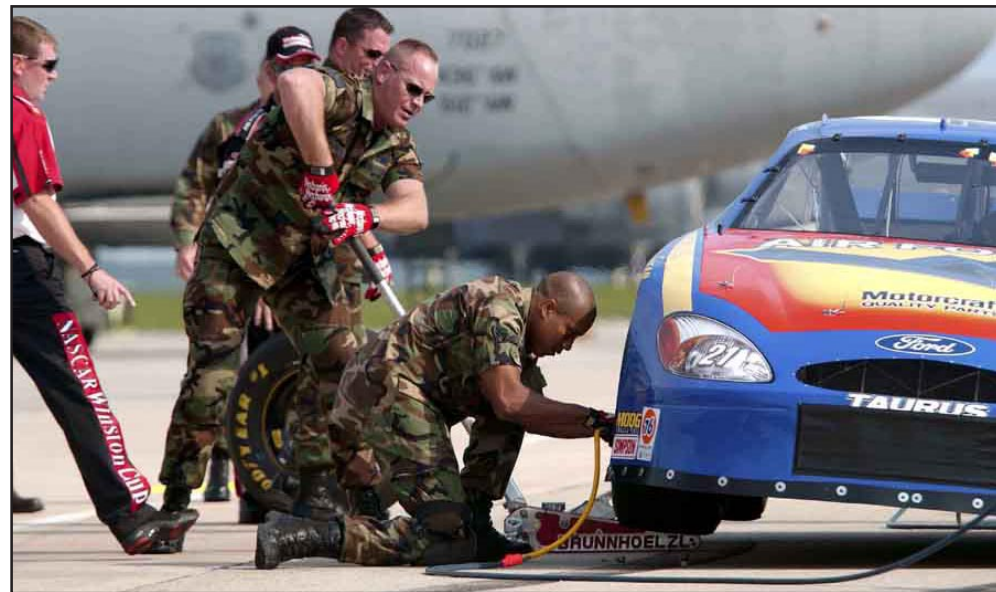
The Wood Bros. Racing Team that fields the Air Force-sponsored No. 21 Motorcraft Ford represented NASCAR. Owners Eddie and Len Wood came to the base with nine crew members, two show cars and both the primary and back-up cars for the MBNA "All American Heroes 400" held at Dover International Raceway on Sept. 22. The cars are painted Air Force blue with pictures of B-1 Lancer, B-2 Spirit and B-52 Stratofortress bomber aircraft on the hood and both sides.

"NASCAR crews and Air Force maintainers share an incredible number of traits," said Col. Scott Wuesthoff, 436th AW commander. "Both must be highly trained and skilled, both must practice constantly to achieve great precision and teamwork, and both must have a tremendous winning attitude."

"Our people do that every day in the war on terrorism," Colonel Wuesthoff said. "This event provided a much-needed break for a few of our troops as well as an opportunity to meet some legendary NASCAR stars."

After initial instructions and safety reminders, the air was soon filled with the roar of the Ford's engine and the smell of racing fuel and burning rubber as the NASCAR team demonstrated a typical pit stop. After a bit of training and two low-speed practice runs, the Air Force team got to try their hand at a timed two-tire pit stop. The first attempt was something of an eye-opener, but subsequent pit stops were completed in respectable times of 18 to 20 seconds.

Then it was the NASCAR team's turn to try something new as they learned about maintenance on a C-5. As they scrambled over the pit wall with jack, tire and 22-gallon gas can in hand, the Air Force team waved them off and showed them the huge C-5 jack, 28 massive tires and 55,000-gallon gas truck required to service the C-5. Even cleaning the windshield required a trip up



William Plate Jr.

People from the 436th Airlift Wing at Dover Air Force Base, Del., change a tire on the No. 21 Motorcraft/U.S. Air Force-sponsored NASCAR car on Dover's flight line during a "reverse pit stop" Sept. 19. The No. 21 team showed airmen how to perform a pit stop on the racecar.

four flights of steps on a maintenance stand to reach the front of the giant aircraft.

The day was filled with friendly dialogue between teams, and comparisons of procedures, tools and techniques. At the conclusion, Colonel Wuesthoff presented the No. 21 team with Air Force flight suits to wear during the Sept. 22 race, and the Wood Bros. gave each Air Force team member a Motorcraft racing cap. Everyone found the time well spent and looks forward to a return match during race week at Dover next year.

Team Tyndall swings for the fences

2ND LT. RYAN FITZGERALD

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Tyndall's coed varsity softball team recently walked away victorious from the Air Education and Training Command softball tourney, Aug. 23-25 at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

The team, fielded by the 325th Fighter Wing and tenant units, saw an astonishing five players named to the all-tourney team. Three of those, Darrell Gary, James Cassidy and Mike Brown, were from 325th units as well as the tournament's male Most Valuable Player, Samuel Lewis.

The all-tourney team showcased some of the Air Force's best softball players, some of whom have been playing soft-

ball or baseball for most of their lives. Staying humble though, seems to be a team sport.

"It's an honor to be named with some of the best in the AF," said Gary. "It goes to show we have top caliber players here at Tyndall."

"It's definitely an honor, but it comes due to a lot of hard work and dedication to the sport," echoed Cassidy.

The tournament's MVP was equally as humble about his accomplishment.

"I try to keep softball a game, and games are meant to be fun," said Lewis. "When I'm playing as hard as I can, I'm usually having a good time."

Some of the players originally wanted to make a living playing professional sports.

"I grew up playing baseball and even tried out with the Cubs, Reds, Orioles and Mets," said Gary. Cassidy once played a game with a professional team's scouts in the stands.

Playing softball in the Air Force seems to be an outlet for their dreams, but more than anything, all the players said it was something else that keeps them motivated.

"The love of the sport. The other activity I do is workout, so I can keep myself ready to play softball," said Cassidy.

"More than anything, it's my love for the game [that drives me]," said Gary. "I grew up playing baseball and this is my way to stay involved with a game I love."

●FROM SADDAM PAGE 1 possible military contingencies — such as moving against and defeating Saddam and his forces.

"We think through what part of that 'or else' we have to deliver," General Pace explained, "and we make sure that we're prepared to deliver it."

If called upon, General Pace said the U.S. military could simultaneously continue the campaign against global terrorists and go after Saddam's regime.

If Saddam is given an "or else" ultimatum, General Pace said America's mili-

tary "is prepared to deliver today, tomorrow, next week. ... That's where I focus my energies, so that the president can do what he wants to do ... if he gets to the point where he thinks military action might be the best course of action."

If the president decides to deploy U.S. troops, General Pace said, "he has to have the confidence to know that when he says, 'Go do it,' we're going to do it for him."

"And, that's what we do, daily, for him and the secretary of defense," General Pace concluded.



Every member of Team Tyndall is valuable. Play it safe, don't become a statistic.



Funshine NEWS



October 4, 2002

This page is produced by the 325th Services Marketing office, 283-4565.



Current members
are already entered
to win!

Through
December 20

One new member & one current member per command will win:

Grand Prize

Sony 32TS1 Plasma TV
Bose Lifestyle 28 Home Ent. System
Monster Cable M1000i
Monster Power MPB2100

2nd Prize

Sharp Aquos LCD Television
Bose 3.2.1. Home Ent. System
Monster Cable M1000i
Monster Power MPB2100

3rd Prize

Toshiba Portable DVD Player

4th Prize

Denon Prime Sound Series Personal Component System

5th Prize

Sony NW-M511 Network Walkman Digital Music Player

An additional drawing will be held to award a Tyndall Member a Breitling Watch.

Just pick up an application from your club and sign up now through December 20 to be eligible for the random drawings.

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All Ranks
Every Wednesday at the O Club
Family Night Buffet

Especially for Kids!

5-7:30 p.m. \$8.95

Children 6-11 \$5.95 5 and under eat free

Members First pricing is in effect.
Show your club card and receive your \$2 member discount.

283-4357

Tyndall Enlisted Club Steak-Out Zone Every Friday



5:30-8:30 p.m.
Only \$5.95
283-4357

GOLF 101 Golf Lessons for the Beginner

Oct. 12, 19, & 26; 3 p.m.

Fee: \$10: (Includes Cap, Balls, Towel, Booklets)

Each lesson will be a 2 hour session and will include short irons, long irons, woods, chipping/pitching & putting.



283-4389

Community Activities Center Pigskin Picks

First Heat: through Oct. 19

Entries must arrive at the CAC by 5 p.m. Friday preceding the weekend games. (Thursday games do not count.)

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Currently in the lead:

Linda Marshall with 34 picks
Andrew Stanley with 32 picks
Dave McClan with 31 picks

Call for more information:

283-2495



Vet Clinic

283-2434

Holiday Hours

The vet clinic will be closed on Fri., Oct. 11 and Mon. Oct. 14.

Youth Center

283-4366

Tennis Anyone?

Open to ages 6 and up. Program runs Oct. 26 & Nov. 2, 9, 16 & 30 at 10 a.m. Cost is \$30. Call Andy at 283-4366.

Bonita Bay Outdoor Rec.

283-3199

Kayak Classes

\$40 per class. Oct. 6.

Information, Tickets & Travel

283-2499

Cruise Specials

Starting at \$379 per person.
Call 283-2864 for more information.

Fall Foliage Tour

October 23-27

Visit the Space Center in Huntsville, Alabama, Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee and ride the Great Smoky Train Ride to Bryson City, North Carolina. Cost per person double occupancy is \$375 and includes event tickets, accommodations and transportation. Sign up deadline is October 8th.

Want to keep up with "What's Happening" at Tyndall?

Send us your email and we will add you to our weekly mailing.
whats.happening@tyndall.af.mil
or call us at 283-4565



Check us out on the world wide web:
www.325thservices.com

Aero Club



Upcoming Classes

Private Pilot Ground: October 7
Commercial Instruments: October 8
Call 283-4404 for more information.

Tyndall's

Sunday, Oct. 6, 2002
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

3rd. Annual Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show

In the Bayview Housing Area



Open to the public

Events Include:

K9 Dogs
DJ
Bouncing Castle
DARE Program
Dyno Machine
and More!

Bring the whole family, and come out for an afternoon of Food & Fun

For more information

Call the Skills Development Center
Ray Mergil, Karen Dyer, Marnie Fox

283-4511

email: ray.mergil@tyndall.af.mil

Door Prizes

Door prize drawings will be held for registered participants.

Flea Market & Craft Booths Available

\$10 per table. Must preregister to have a reserved spot.

Plus...Don't Miss the...

sock Hop
FREE!

Saturday, October 5 8-11 p.m.

DJ Playing 50s-60s Rock & Roll

Bring your own lawn chairs.
Beverages will be sold. No coolers allowed.

Tyndall Clubs Hosts



The CAC will be open
Sundays, 12-7 p.m.
during football season
(Through January 26)

Watch the multi-game action at the CAC Pizza Pub!



Win a trip to:

49ers vs. Cowboys game
Super Bowl
Pro Bowl
San Francisco to meet 49ers Terrell Owens

For more information call 283-3222

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Club membership electrified

Joining the enlisted and officers' clubs will prove to be an electrifying experience for some new members as the clubs announce the launch of the Electrified Membership Drive which began in September. Proving that membership pays, Air Force clubs are giving away electronic entertainment equipment in the Electrified Membership Drive.

New and current club members across the Air Force will be eligible to receive gifts like the hot new plasma and flat-screen televisions, the most sought-after home theater systems, personal component systems, portable DVD players, MP3 players and more. A special local prize of a Breitling watch will be awarded to either a new or current enlisted or officers' club member in addition to the Air Force-wide giveaways.

During the drive, held through Dec. 20, Air Force clubs hope to sign up 10,000 new members. All will be eli-

gible for prizes that will be given to scores of people who join any Air Force club worldwide. Membership pays for current club members, too. Current members are automatically entered to win the Air Force-level prizes in a separate drawing. Winners will be randomly selected for each prize.

"We always want to recognize existing members," said Chuck Stachowiak, 325th Services Squadron clubs manager. "They are the lifeblood of our clubs. Plus, they are one of the best forms of endorsement for an evolving club system that offers something for all."

Besides meals and entertainment, other membership benefits at Tyndall include special member-only functions, monthly Super Sunday Brunches, birthday coupons and savings through the 325th Services Squadron's Advantage Program. Call the Tyndall clubs at 283-4357 to find out more.

(Courtesy 325th Services Squadron)

Services squadron to pass no-smoking policy

MARCIA ROBERTSON

325th Services Squadron marketing

Beginning Dec. 7, all services facilities here will become smoke-free.

"The Air Force implemented this requirement three years ago for most of its buildings," said Peggy Geil, 325th Services Squadron marketing manager. "The services squadrons were allowed extra time to accommodate the directive."

This policy affects all areas of every facility, including the dining rooms in those buildings which offer food. The two base lounges, The Zone at the enlisted club and Checkers at the officers' club, will also prohibit smoking.

"We apologize for any inconvenience this change causes our customers," Ms. Geil said. "However, we are required to follow the Air Force's mandate."

According to the Department of Defense, approximately one-third of service members smoke. Both smoking directly and secondhand smoke pose serious, long-term health risks and present increased health-care costs to the military.

"Many people have respiratory conditions that make it difficult to be around cigarette or cigar smoke," Ms. Geil continued. "We want parents to feel comfortable bringing their children, as well as coming themselves, to our services facilities by knowing they will be in smoke-free environments."

Designated smoking areas will be established outside each facility for the convenience of patrons who choose to smoke. The services squadron is advising customers of these upcoming changes in order to minimize any confusion as the mandatory implementation date approaches.

"We're trying to get the word out now so no one is surprised come Dec. 7," explained Ms. Geil. "We value all our customers and hope we can meet everyone's needs under this new requirement."

For more information about the smoke-free policy, contact each services facility at the appropriate phone number.



Courtesy photo

Beach cleanup

More than 200 people converged on Tyndall beaches in an effort to remove trash and debris that had washed up after a tropical storm saturated the Florida panhandle. The volunteers collected more than 175 bags and 1,800 pounds of trash. More than 12 miles of Tyndall coastline was combed to include Crooked Island Beach, Archery Road Beach and the NCO Beach access area.

